ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION July 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Phil Baranowski, at 8:30 AM on Friday, July 02, 2010, Green Lake County Boardroom, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met.

Present: Phil Baranowski Marge Bostelmann Art Egbert

Ken Werth Mary Lou Neubauer Terry Williamson

Sue McConnell Scott Sommers

Absent: Roger Field,

Also present: Jason Kauffeld, Arnie Knight

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion/second(Egbert/McConnell) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second(McConnell/Egbert) to accept the minutes of May 7 and May 21, 2010. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnie Knight discussed concerns and examples of how the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance restricts and discourages economic development particularly with the Amish Community. He sited examples of business that have moved out of the county and how non-zoned townships have developed small businesses that provide employment and generate taxes for the county. He also discussed how the Working Lands Initiative has discouraged property sales. Discussion was held. Neubauer explained that the City of Berlin will have an informational meeting on July 20th regarding the Working Lands Initiative and all are welcome to attend. Al Shute, Luther Olsen and Joan Ballweg will be invited to the September EDC meeting to discuss the Working Land Initiative.

APPEARANCES – None

REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY EDC

To date the following retention surveys have been returned: Ripon Jacket, Grede/Berlin Foundry, Menasha Packaging, Green Lake Conference Center and Safeguard America, LLC. Kauffeld has completed the survey with Del Monte, Robbin II, PMI, Heidel House and Tank Technology. He and Dan Priske will be talking with Mashuda Contractors today.

REPORT ON THE GREEN LAKE COUNTRY VISITORS BUREAU

Dusty Walker sent in a report stating that the GLCVB did not meet in May. They did a tour of Berlin for the area Chamber Execs and other Board Members. Princeton Chamber Executives agreed to do a tour in July and Ripon will do a tour in September. There was a meeting in June that I attended so we should be getting minutes from that meeting soon.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY VISITOR'S BUREAU ADVERTISING

Bostelmann Presented the cost to have the same ad in the map cover and the map as two years ago.

Motion/second(Egbert/Neubauer) to approve advertising on the back cover of the jacket for a cost not to exceed \$2695.50 and see if TREDC is willing to contribute to the ad. Motion carried.

HOUSING GRANT REPORT

Green Lake County was not awarded a grant for this year. GLC was denied the EAP grant for the City of Green Lake damage from the flood.

TREASURER'S REPRT

EDC account: \$14,439.18 Housing RLF: \$19,729.80

Housing EAP working account: \$3,855.37 Housing EAP grant account: \$365.12

Motion/second(McConnell/Neubauer) to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

UWEX AGENT REPORT

Kauffeld will lead an energy tour in Fond du Lac County on July 31st; ten spots are available. The cost is \$10 per person. Kauffeld commented on the retention study and how business have thrived and survived in this poor economy.

VOUCHERS – Waushara County \$10,000.00

Motion/second(Egbert/McConnell) to approve the voucher for \$10,000. Motion carried.

SELECT BUSINESSES TO VISIT NEXT MONTH

None were selected due to the business retention study.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

McConnell explained that she received a call from a company interested in developing a wind farm of 60 turbines in Green Lake County. They will be invited to the August meeting along with Bill Wheeler of TREDC.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

Meeting Dates:

August 6, 2010 – Wind Farm Information

September 3, 2010 – Working Land Initiative with Luther Olsen, Joan Ballweg and Al Shute

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Egbert/McConnell) to adjourn at 9:50 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann Secretary